

have regarded the pus a valuable covering for the granulations or new growth of flesh, and so it is in some cases, but there are many exceptions.

Some parts of the body have a much greater disposition to form pus when inflamed than others. The cellular tissue, skin, and mucous membrane are very prone to suppurate, while the fibrous tissues manifest no disposition to it.

"Pus, is modified, by the nature of the part where it is formed, by the constitution of the individual, by various accidents occurring in the process of its formation, and by certain obscure laws which control the phenomena of these affections, which are called specific. It will also present different appearances, as it may be mixed with other fluids, as blood, saliva, bronchial mucus, etc."†

"When pus is irritating it is not so to the surface which secretes it but to the adjoining healthy structure over which it flows.

"Pus is heavier than water, and this quality assists us in distinguishing it from mucus.

"Mr. Hunter is of opinion that it is coagulable in muriate of ammonia, which peculiarity distinguished it from mucus and all other natural secretions, but this test was disputed.

"From the fact that hard and inflammatory tumors, in the course of inflammation become soft and yielding, and filled with pus, it was naturally supposed that the original solid parts were converted into this fluid, it is now well ascertained that such is not the case, but that pus is secreted by the arteries.‡—*Dental Register*.

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†Macartney on Inflammation.

‡Bond's Dental Medicine

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## FILING TEETH—DR. ARTHUR'S METHOD.

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The discussion of this subject, at the present time, in the various Dental Associations, is but another evidence of the disposition to adopt at one period, practices that have been discarded at a previous one as valueless, or absolutely injurious. It is undoubtedly true, that in all the modes of practice that have at various times been introduced in our profession, and been abandoned, there has been a large admix-